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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Washington National Monument Society.
Title	Washington National Monument Society certificate
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Administrative History

The Washington National Monument Society was founded in 1833 for the purpose of creating a memorial to George Washington on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. They raised money through public donations to fund the construction. The obelisk monument was designed by architect Robert Mills. The cornerstone was laid on July 4, 1848. The project halted in 1854 when the society ran out of money and fundraising proved unsuccessful. The land and the uncompleted monument was returned to Congress in 1876. The society then served as advisors to the congressional committee charged with completing the monument. The Washington Monument was dedicated on February 21, 1885.

Sources:

Item in the collection.

Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media. "Washington National Monument Society." *Histories of the National Mall*. Accessed June 26, 2017. <http://mallhistory.org/items/show/148>.

Scope and Contents

This collection comprises a certificate from the Washington National Monument Society circa 1848, indicating that George Teal contributed one dollar to help erect the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C. and his membership to the society. The certificate was signed by Zachary Taylor, president of the society.

Arrangement

There is only one item in this collection.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from Katherine Teal on 1950/11/25.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing and finding aid completed 2017/6/8 by Nikki Stoddard Schofield.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Washington National Monument Society.

Genre(s)

- Certificates

Geographic Name(s)

- Washington (D.C.)

Subject(s)

- Donations
- Monuments
- Washington Monument (Washington, D.C.)